

House Resolution No. 3022

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives always welcomes the opportunity to pause in its legislative deliberations in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of each generation of students as they diligently work to obtain the knowledge and skills they will need as future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Dennis G. Epperly has distinguished himself as a Vocational Agriculture teacher at Southwest High School in the Southwest R-V School District of Washburn, Missouri; and

Whereas, a teacher for twenty-seven highly productive years, Dennis Epperly will bring his stellar educational career to a close on June 30, 2003, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, Dennis Epperly also has served as the Future Farmers of America advisor for twenty-seven years, during which time he has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for overseeing and directing a program which had 111 teams qualify for State, 15 teams earn State Champion status, and 10 groups become National Gold Emblem teams; and

Whereas, in his role as FFA advisor, Dennis Epperly enjoyed preparing his students to receive 42 State Degrees, 5 American Degrees, 10 State Proficiency Awards, and 3 National Regional Proficiency Awards; and

Whereas, the Southwest High School FFA program under the guidance of Dennis Epperly earned 3 Gold Emblem National Chapter Awards, 2 Silver Emblem National Chapter Awards, 2 Gold National Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Awards, 1 Silver National BOAC Award, and 2 Gold National Safety Program Awards; and

Whereas, Dennis Epperly was at the chapter's helm when it became the first chapter in the state of Missouri to receive Gold in Chapter Activities, BOAC, and Safety Programs in the same year:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exceptional career and impressive achievements associated with Dennis Epperly during his long tenure as an educator and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dennis G. Epperly of Washburn, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Gene Taylor
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3022, adopted May 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker